



Program Criteria Comparison

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE TRACK and TENNESSEE POLLUTION PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP



National Environmental Performance Track and Tennessee Pollution Prevention Partnership (TP3) are voluntary programs designed to foster and reward environmental excellence. Performance Track is a national EPA program and Tennessee Pollution Prevention Partnership is a statewide Department of Environment and Conservation program. This fact sheet summarizes and compares criteria for the Performance Track Program and the Performer Level of TP3 (TP3 has four different levels: Prospect, Pledge, Partner, and Performer). For additional information on these programs or incentives, see program web sites or contact program coordinators.

Common Program Criteria:

- *EMS Components:* Common elements include: an EMS with a written policy; planned targets and goals; clear roles and responsibilities for meeting goals; plans for checking and correcting non-conformance issues; and documented management review.
- *EMS Self-Assessment:* Facility is expected to conduct regular EMS self-assessments and compliance audits.
- *EMS Cycle:* Facility must have completed one full EMS cycle including implementation, evaluation, and review.
- *Past Performance:* Demonstration of performance improvements.
- *Future Performance:* Description of commitment to future performance.
- *Annual Report:* Report must include EMS data and progress toward meeting goals.
- *Community Outreach:* Facility must provide a plan to identify and respond to local concerns and inform community of important matters that affect it.
- *Compliance Record:* Verification of a strong environmental compliance record.
- *Site Visits:* Periodic site visits are conducted as part of the program.

Tennessee Pollution Prevention Partnership - Performer Level - Additional Criteria:

- *Past Performance:* Demonstration of performance improvements in each of five pollution prevention areas (Clean Air, Energy Conservation, Hazardous Materials Management, Land and Water Conservation, and Waste Reduction).
- *Future Performance:* Annual documentation of a "success story." Success stories include a description of the member industry, environmental issue being addressed, methods of implementation, cost savings, and the measured amount of pollution prevented.
- *Mentoring:* Demands mentoring of another organization.
- *Site Visits:* Site visits are conducted at all accepted facilities.
- *Membership Term:* Membership is continuous.

Performance Track - Additional Criteria:

- *EMS Independent Assessment:* An independent EMS assessment is to have taken place at the time of application.
- *Compliance Record:* Facility must pass a comprehensive compliance screen covering federal, state, and local regulations.
- *Past Performance:* Facility must demonstrate performance improvements on two environmental indicators (one indicator for small facilities). Commitments must be reported in a standard format and performance for most commitments must be normalized.
- *Future Performance:* Facility must make a commitment to future performance improvements on four environmental indicators from at least two unique categories (two indicators for small facilities). Commitments must be reported in a standard format and performance for most commitments must be normalized.
- *Annual Report:* Report must include documentation that corrective action has been taken to address compliance and other EMS issues.
- *Self-Certification:* Senior facility manager must certify that all statements in application and Annual Performance Report are true, accurate, and complete.
- *Community References:* Facility must provide community references (e.g., member of a citizen group, union, local agency).
- *Membership Term:* Membership is for three years.

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